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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

ENOCH ADAMS, JR., LEROY ADAMS,	)
ANDREW KOENIG, JERRY NORTON,	)
DAVID SWAN, JOSEPH SWAN,	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
vs.	
TECK COMINCO ALASKA	)
INCORPORATED,	
Defendant,	
NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION, and	) 
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH,	)
Intervenor-Defendants.	Case No.: A04-00049 CV (JWS)
	)

### NOTICE OF PERMIT WITHDRAWAL

Teck Cominco gives notice to the court that the EPA has withdrawn the 2007 NPDES permit that it earlier issued to Red Dog Mine and that was subject to an administrative appeal by the plaintiffs. [See Docket 148.]

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 3rd day of October, 2007

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NOTICE OF PERMIT WITHDRAWL

Adams et. al. v. Teck Cominco Alaska, A04-00049 CV (JWS)

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 3rd day of October, 2007, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, via electronic service, on the below identified parties of record:

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#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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Reply To

Aun of: OWW-135

SEP 2 7 2007

John Knapp General Manager Teck Cominco Alaska, Incorporated Red Dog Operations 3105 Lakeshore Drive, Bldg. A. Suite 101 Anchorage, Alaska 99517

Re:

Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated, Red Dog Mine

NPDES Permit No. AK-003865-2

Dear Mr. Knapp:

EPA is withdrawing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit reissuance for the Red Dog Mine dated March 7, 2007. We are taking this action in order to revise our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for the NPDES permit. Enclosed is the NPDES permit withdrawal and our withdrawal notice to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB).

The administratively extended NPDES permit conditions that were in effect prior to the March 7, 2007 permit reissuance remain in effect. A follow-up communication will clarify the effective permit conditions.

We intend to incorporate the NEPA analysis for the reissuance of this NPDES permit into the ongoing Red Dog Mine - Aqqaluk Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). EPA has already issued a Notice of Intent to prepare a supplemental EIS for the Red Dog Mine and Aqqaluk project and will conduct scoping meetings on October 2 through 5, 2007.

If you have questions regarding the NPDES permit please contact Mike Lidgard at (206) 553-1755 or Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561. Contact Patty McGrath at (206) 553-0979 with questions regarding the Red Dog Mine - Aggaluk SEIS.

Sincerely.

Director, Office of Water and Watersheds

Enclosures

Ca: Lynn Kent, ADEC Withdrawal of NPDES Permit - September 27, 2007

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# Withdrawal of Permit Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

The following permit reissuance, which is subject to a pending appeal before the Environmental Appeals Board (Appeal Nos. NPDES 07-08 & 07-09), is hereby withdrawn pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.19(d):

NPDES Permit No.: AK-003865-2 Permittee: Teck Cominco Alaska, Inc.

Facility: Red Dog Mine Signed: March 7, 2007

The administratively extended NPDES permit conditions that were in effect prior to that March 7, 2007, permit reissuance remain in effect.

Signed this 27 day of September, 2007

Michael F. Gearheard

Director, Office of Water & Watersheds

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10